

SI. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No. of Study Centres
19.	Manipur	10
20.	Meghalaya	57
21.	Mizoram	18
22.	Nagaland	17
23.	Orissa	95
24.	Pondicherry	2
25.	Punjab	38
26.	Rajasthan	50
27.	Sikkim	6
28.	Tamil Nadu	105
29.	Tripura	32
30.	Uttar Pradesh	105
31.	Uttaranchal	23
32.	Oadra & Nagar Haveli	0
33.	Lakshdweep	1
34.	West Bengal	63
TOTAL:		1375

Promotion of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in rural areas

†2768. DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what effective steps are being taken by Government for speedy promotion of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in rural areas of the country;

(b) whether Government are getting any financial assistance from international financial institutions in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and names of the financial institutions in the world from whom financial assistance has been received during the last

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three years alongwith the names of the States where this assistance has been utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The budget allocation of Government of India for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) have been steadily increasing over the years. During 2006-07, Rs. 11,000 crore have been allocated for SSA. All components of SSA including planning, capacity building and monitoring have been strengthened for better programme implementation.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. International Development Association, Department For International Development of the United Kingdom and European Commission have provided financial assistance to SSA from 2004 to 2006 on reimbursement basis, for upto Rs. 4700 crore approximately.

Reservation of OBCs

2769. DR. K. MALAISAMY Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the stand of Government in the matter of reservation of OBCs;
- (b) what are the major hurdles including the verdict of Supreme Court in implementing the said reservation and how they will be got over;
- (c) whether there will be a time-frame to implement the said reservation;
- (d) what is the constitutional position in the reservation for SC/ST on the one side and in the reservation of OBC on the other; and
- (e) whether 69 per cent is reserved in-Tamil Nadu and implemented based on a State Act followed by inclusion under IX Scheduled of the Constitution and what is the stand and approach of the Central Government on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) A legislative proposal for effecting reservation for the weaker sections including Other Backward Classes is before Parliament for its consideration.

(e) The Constitution (93th Amendment) Act, 2005, enable the State to make by law, provisions for the advancement of the weaker section *i.e.* the